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1. In December 1950 there were two airstrips near Yenchi, Manchuria, which were able to handle 30 jet fighters. In January 1951 600 Korean students returned from Russia and began training as pilots.

2. Beginning in July there were 3 aircraft stationed at Paise (106-34, 23-55) Airfield. On 13 July eighty drums of gasoline arrived at this field from Nanning.

3. In early July the Chinese Communists organized the Third People's Paratroop Training Center of the Revolutionary Military Council in Hsinching (103-49, 30-25). The director of this center was KUNG Chung-cheng (龔重城) a native Manchurian. Lt. Col. Chu-ko-lo-yeh-fu (朱可羅耶夫) and 40 other Soviets assisted in training. There are 2700 students at this center. Of the 7 transports assigned, 2 are inoperable.

4. On 22 July the Revolutionary Military Council issued order Yuan Pi (元帥) Number 102129 to establish uniform night and day recognition signs for Chinese Communist air and ground forces. The following were effective beginning 1 August:

a. During the day ground forces are to place, on the ground, recognition signs of white strips of cloth to identify themselves to the air force. The signs are to be 16 to 32 feet long and 3 to 6 feet wide. The signs are, according to the day of the week, as follows:

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Monday: Chinese character 1 with character KUNG (工) directly below.

Tuesday: Character 1 with character 10 (十) directly below.

Wednesday: Character 1 with character KOU (口) directly below.

Thursday: Character 1 with character KOU directly below except the right hand side of the KOU is removed, like the English letter "U" turned on its side with the open end to the observer's right.

Friday: Character 1 with "X" directly below.

Saturday: Character 1 with the English T directly below.

Sunday: Character 1 with the letter "T" laid on its side, top cross bar to the left.

- b. Night Recognition. Upon seeing or hearing planes assumed to be Chinese Communist, ground forces should place flares as follows:

Odd days of the month: 2 red flares, then 1 green.

Even days of the month: 1 red, 1 green, then 1 red.

5. On 11 August fifteen MIG jet aircraft landed at White Cloud Airfield in Canton.
6. During the month of June thirty-one MIG jet planes were parked in hangars at an airfield in the Hanking area.
7. On 17 August Chinese Communist Air Force (CCAF) training missions were as follows:
 - a. Shanghai: 4 unidentified fighters.
 - b. Tsingtao: 11 MIG-15's of the CCAF 48 Regiment on cross country flights. 20 MIG-15's of the CCAF 48 Regiment on fighter combat tactics flights.
 - c. Yangts'ün: 12 MIG-15's, 4 YAK-17's, 1 YAK-11.
8. On 17 August Soviet Air Force (SAF) training missions were as follows:
 - a. Antung: 10 MIG-15's.
 - b. Kunghuling: 5 MIG-15's and a number of YAK-17's with Pa-li-no-fu as flight leader.
 - c. Mukden: 21 MIG-15's with LIN Hu as flight leader on cross country flights.
 - d. Shuangoh'engtzu (131-57, 43-36): 2 IL-2's scheduled to fly to Port Arthur and Dairen via Mukden.

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